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SUBJ: FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN COMMENTS ON CONTEMPORARY
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1. I HAD A 2 1/2 HOUR LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH FORMER FONMIN K.B.

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ANDERSEN ON MAY 3. HE WAS 90 MINUTES LATE BECAUSE OF A FLAP IN THE

PARLIAMENT OCCASIONED BY AN UNEXPECTED DEFEAT OF THE GOVT ON A SNAP VOTE IN WHICH ANDERSEN'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAD SUPPORTED THE GOVT. AS A RESULT OF WORKING THAT SITUATION OUT ANDERSEN SEEMED QUITE RELAXED AND TALKED FREELY.

2. DANISH DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION--ANDERSEN TOLD ME THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY WORRIED (AS HE SHOULD BE) WITH THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN DENMARK. HE THOUGHT PRIME MINISTER HARTLING WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH TO TURN THE SITUATION AROUND. I ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT HARTLING COULD DO SINCE WITH HIS WEAK MINORITY GOVT HE IS A REALLY A PRISONER OF ANDERSEN'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. ANDERSEN DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY, BUT INDICATED THAT WHILE HE ADMIRER HARTLING AS A MAN HE DOES NOT THINK MUCH OF HIM AS A PRIME MINISTER. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT HARTLING WOULD BE FORCED OUT OF OFFICE NEXT MONTH SIMPLY BECAUSE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WERE COMING AROUND TO THE VIEW THAT HE WAS NO LONGER VERY USEFUL TO THEM. IF HE IS NOT DEFEATED IN JUNE HE WILL CERTAINLY BE OUT IN SEPTEMBER, ANDERSEN STATED, AND HE WILL NOT LAST UNTIL NEXT YEAR. I ASKED ANDERSEN WHETHER THIS WAS HIS OWN VIEW OR THAT OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP AND HE REPLIED THAT THE LEADERS OF HIS PARTY WERE IN AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. I INQUIRED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THAT, IF HARTLING WENT OUT, ANKER JORGENSEN WOULD COME BACK AS PRIMIN.

ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT JORGENSEN'S CHANCES WERE "NOT VERY GOOD", AND I GOT THE CLEAR INFERENCE THAT ANDERSEN THOUGHT HE HIMSELF WOULD BE A BETTER PRIMIN. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS, PROVIDING THEY ARE HELD WITHIN THE REASONABLE FUTURE, BOTH GLISTRUP AND THE COMMUNISTS WILL INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF THE VVOTE. THE TREND TOWARD THE EXTREMES IN DENMARK, AS IN CERTAIN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, STILL HAS A WAY TO GO.

3. DANISH-U.S. RELATIONS--ANDERSEN DID NOT SEE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THIS TIME. HE SAID THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD RECEIVED PRIMIN HARTLING WHEN HE WAS IN PARIS. HE CONSIDERED THIS A BOW TO DENMARK AND AN INDICATION THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN SCENE.

4. CHILE--WE SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME DISCUSSING THE CHILEAN SITUATION, WITHOUT MUCH AGREEMENT. (IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VIEWS OF THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN.)

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I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILEAN ECONOMY WAS DOING CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN UNDER ALLENDE AND THAT THERE WAS MUCH MISINFORMATION IN DENMARK ABOUT THE PERSECUTION OF LEFTISTS IN CHILE. ANDERSEN SEEMED TO BE WELL VERSED IN THE REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THERE, BUT I HOPE I WAS ABLE TO GIVE HIM A FEW NEW POINTS TO CONSIDER.

5. GREECE--ANDERSEN SAID THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, DANISH RELATIONS WITH

GREECE HAVE NOT IMPROVED WITH THE CHANGE OF GOVT THERE. WHILE WE DID NOT DEVOTE A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO THIS SUBJECT I GATHER THAT ANDERSEN CONSIDERS RELATIONS NOW AT LEAST AS BAD AS THEY WERE UNDER THE PAPADAPOLOUS REGIME.

6. SPAIN--I ASKED ANDERSEN WHETHER DENMARK WOULD CONSIDER ADMITTING SPAIN INTO NATO, WHERE I THOUGHT IT BELONGED. ANDERSEN REPLIED THAT NO DANISH GOVT WOULD SERIOUSLY LOOK AT THIS QUESTION UNTIL AFTER FRANCO HAD DIED. AT THAT TIME IT WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT TYPE OF GOVT WAS IN CONTROL IN MADRID.

7. SOVIET-CHINESE RELATIONS--ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN FETED BY BOTH THE CHINESE AND RUSSIAN AMBASSADORS HERE. EACH SEEMED TO WANT TO TELL HIM HOW WICKED THE OTHER IS, ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS ARE MORE SUBTLE ABOUT IT. LIKE ME, ANDERSEN HAS OBSERVED THAT THE LOCAL CHINESE HAVE BEEN MORE ACTIVE IN RECENT MONTHS.

8. FRANCE--WOVEN THROUGHOUT HIS REMARKS WERE A NUMBER OF ANTI-FRENCH STATEMENTS. ANDERSEN WAS PARTICULARLY ACID IN HIS COMMENTS ON JOBERT. HE SAID THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WAS THAT JOBERT HAD THROWN A MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE ENERGY COOPERATION PROGRAM AND HAD, IN GENERAL, MADE IT CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY. HE DECIDEDLY DOES NOT WANT TO SEE JOBERT IN THE NEW FRENCH GOVT. (I AM CERTAIN THAT ANDERSEN'S SUCCESSOR, FONMIN GULDBERG, DOES NOT ENTIRELY SHARE THIS VIEW.)

9. COMMENT--AS ALWAYS, I FOUND ANDERSEN VERY RESPONSIVE TO ANY QUESTIONS AND EASY TO TALK TO. ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH ALL OUR POLICIES, I AM OF THE OPINION THAT HE BASICALLY LIKES US. WE WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER OFF WITH HIMAS PRIMIN THAN WE WOULD WITH ANKER JORGENSEN, BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT HE HAS THE DOMESTIC CLOUT TO REACH THE TOP POSITION.

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